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population tends more to the north than to the south coast of Sicily. They would understand and would not forget it. This suggestion is not meant especially to apply to Mr. Carpenter's book, but it would seem as if some writers whose studies have familiarised them with illustrations of the correlations of man and his geographical environment might produce books for school children more interesting and more suggestive and mentally stimulating than the average geographical reader.

Korea. By August Hamilton. With map and 8 illustrations. Charles Scribner's Sons, New York, 1904.

This book is a very timely product of the press. Korea is in the unfortunate position of a helpless neutral between two powerful nations at war, and her soil has already become the scene of their military manœuvres and a part of their battleground. A book, such as this one, which gives to the reader a clearer conception of the geography of the coasts and of the interior, the nature of the ports and communications, the characteristics and importance of the larger towns, than is to be found in earlier works, even though the descriptions are condensed, is an especially useful contribution at this time. None of the preceding books on Korea gives so much information about the region between Pyöng-yang (Ping-yang) and the lower Yalu, where the Russian and Japanese land forces have first confronted one another, as is to be found in this volume. While the book is chiefly confined to a review of Korea in all the aspects of its people, industries, and commerce, an introductory chapter of 43 pages deals with the position of Manchuria, the military and naval strength of Russia and Japan, and the Japanese naval stations.

The writer says that, notwithstanding the past survey work of the Japanese on the coasts of Korea, there is still little knowledge of the numerous islands and archipelagoes, shoals and reefs, which make its shores the terror of all mariners. The Korean Government in 1903 requested the Japanese Government to make a survey of the peninsula. At the beginning of the present war this work was in progress and the outlining of its coasts had been completed.

Führer in das Höhlengebiet von Brünn. By Prof. A. Makowsky and Prof. A. Rzehak. 48 pp., a map, 17 photographs and diagrams, and profiles of underground passages. Carl Winiker, Brünn, Austria, 1903. (Price, 1 k. 20.)

A little way to the northeast of the City of Brünn are low lime-